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115 Chesterfield Avenue  
Centreville  
Private

1881-82

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

115 Chesterfield Avenue, Yates House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

115 Chesterfield Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Centreville

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1st

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Queen Anne's

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED☐ not applicable

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Mr. &amp; Mrs. James Yates

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

115 Chesterfield Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Centreville

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21617

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Queen Anne's County Courthouse

Liber #: MWM 158

Folio #: 48

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Courthouse Square

CITY, TOWN

Centreville

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION****CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT  
☒ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

☐ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

The Yates House, at 115 Chesterfield Avenue, opposite Broadway, is a large Second Empire style 2 1/2 story frame residence. Its five bay facade is accented by a central pavillion/tower, and a full length screened porch across the first story.

The windows of the facade have long 2/2 sash on the first story and shorter ones on the second story. In the central bay or tower are a pair of long 2/2 sash windows with louvered blinds. The cornice, with its built-in gutter, has brackets above each side of the windows and at the corners of the building. Flanking the tower, in the decorative slate roof, are two small dormers with 2/2 sash, the upper sash with curved head, and having bracketed gothic-like details with finial at the apex of the roof. Like the second story, the 3rd floor windows of the tower are double, but they have the same decorations as the flanking dormer windows. Since the tower projects from the house about two feet, the tower's decorative slate roof is even more pronounced, especially since it is also taller than the main roof. It appears to have had an iron gallery around the top of the tower.

**CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY**

## CONTINUATION SHEET

## 7.1 DESCRIPTION

On the first floor porch there are six columns with fan-like pierced decoration in the brackets. At the tops of the columns are small pairs of brackets. The entry has a double door with transom.

On the south facade is a two story bay window extending to the roof. Both stories are the same, with recessed panels beneath each of the 2/2 sash windows and pairs of small brackets in the cornice at the angles of the bay.

Behind the building is a three bay two story addition, with plain screen porch at the central entrance. On the second story the last window is lower than the other two.

On the back of the building there is a door and kitchen window on the first floor and one window above. The back of the main block has no window on the first floor and one on the second. Along the north side of the back wing is an enclosed porch with a small casement in the bath, and three long double casements. The second floor of this porch has 1/3 enclosed and 2/3 screened. Along the outside edge of this old porch is a brick path.

The interior of Yates House is composed of a central stair hall with flanking parlors. Behind the south parlor is a dining room and kitchen, the latter two divided by a chimney and enclosed stair to an original isolated servants' room.

## CONTINUATION SHEET

## 7.2 DESCRIPTION

The stair is a close string structure rising from the south side of the hall. The lower step is flared and the large square newel is set on an angle. It is molded, has applied discs and a ball finial. There are turned balusters and drop finials around the opening beneath the secondary newels. The door way is separated in its own very shallow alcove with arch above. The back door, beneath the stair, is sealed from when the building was divided into two apartments.

The north parlor has a handsome marbleized slate mantel with Roccoco form and Eastlake decoration. Two 20th century closets flank the fireplace. The windows to the porch (east) extend nearly to the floor. Around the ceiling is a very bold plaster cornice, like the hall and south parlor.

The south parlor is similar, but opposite the fireplace is a 3-window bay extending to the ceiling. All of the doors in the building have 4-panels. There is an extra door flanking the fireplace to a stair closet. The floors have narrow oak flooring.

The dining room is quite plain except for a very handsome marbleized classical form mantel, also made of slate.

The kitchen has been altered over the years but retains a window on the south and door on the north which

## CONTINUATION SHEET

## 7.3 DESCRIPTION

leads to the back porch. Visible on the porch is original German siding. Also, the old porch posts are champhered and between them is tongue and groove dado boards.

The building is situated on a very small lot.

## PERIOD

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Michael O. Bourne, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Queen Anne's County Historical Society

DATE

8/23/83

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Centreville

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438



115 Chesterfield Avenue

Centreville

## Summary of Title

Sept. 20, 1973. Ann M. Starkey, straw party, to Hugh M. Perry and Sarah Mitchell Perry "Lots and three story dwelling house" (CWC 77, folio 633).

Sept. 20, 1973. Sara Mitchell Perry and Alfred Clayton Mitchell to Ann M. Starkey, straw party. (CWC 77, folio 631).

Oct. 22, 1971. Willard C. Mitchell to Sara Mitchell Perry and Alfred Clayton Mitchell. (CWC 59, folio 214.)

May 29, 1948. M. Myron Price, widower, to Willard C. Mitchell and Grace C. Mitchell. (ASG Jr. 19, folio 567).

June 3, 1939. William R. Horney to M. Myron Price, Jr., and Ida S. Price. (ASG Jr. 1, folio 271).

May 29, 1929. Mae H. Price et al to William R. Horney.

## Summary of Title (Cont'd)

Dec. 31, 1904. Margaret A. Taylor to Rachel A. Price for \$4100. Two lots, one fronting on Chesterfield Ave. (on which the house stands) purchased from William H. Hopkins in 1882; the other a smaller lot to the rear, purchased from Mary J. Tilghman in 1893. (JEG 7, folio 230).

October 31, 1882. William H. Hopkins and Mollie E. Hopkins to Margaret A. Taylor, for \$4000. Lot on Chesterfield Ave. 100 x 150 feet. No mention of the three story dwelling house noted in all successive transactions, but the sale price indicates the house was complete.

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October 5, 1881. Edward B. Newnam and Sarah Elizabeth Newnam to William H. Hopkins for \$400. Lot 100 x 150 on Chesterfield Avenue, designated as Lots No. 10 and No. 11 on Newnam's plat. Stipulated in deed that dwelling house to be erected must cost at least \$600.



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James Yates Residence

Mary McCarthy  
Spring/Summer 2003  
Digital color photo on file at MHT





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115 Chesterfield Ave.  
Centreville  
East

MOB 6/1983



QA-339 James Yates House  
115 Chesterfield Avenue  
Centreville, Maryland  
Orlando Ridout V 1981  
Front facade from east





QA-339 James Yates House  
115 Chesterfield Ave.  
Centreville, Maryland  
Orlando Ridout V 1981  
Rear facade from West